

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Pierre BLANCHARD, et al.

SERIAL NO: New U.S. Application

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FOR: NOVEL RHEOLOGY REGULATORS SUCH AS GROUND NATURAL CALCIUM CARBONATES  
OPTIONALLY TREATED WITH A FATTY ACID OR SALT AND THEIR USE

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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SIR:

☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/806,473, filed July 3, 2002, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e):  
Application No. Date Filed

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

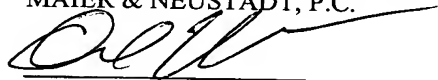
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France	98 12714	October 7, 1998

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☐ were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- ☒ was submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/IB99/01625 filed October 1, 1999
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- ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s)
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